

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Inter Application No

PCT/DK 03/00519

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12Q1/68 C12N15/10

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO 01 77315 A (NOVOZYMES AS) 18 October 2001 (2001-10-18) cited in the application see especially page 2, line 5 - line 32 ---	1-36
Y	DEAN FRANK B ET AL: "Rapid amplification of plasmid and phage DNA using Phi29 DNA polymerase and multiply-primed rolling circle amplification" GENOME RESEARCH, vol. 11, no. 6, June 2001 (2001-06), pages 1095-1099, XP002261245 ISSN: 1088-9051 cited in the application page 1095 left column paragraph 1 - right column paragraph 1, page 1098 left column paragraph 1, page 1099 left column line 4 - line 5, abstract --- -/--	1-36

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A	DATABASE BIOSIS [Online] BIOSCIENCES INFORMATION SERVICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA, US, 15 February 1998 (1998-02-15) CHEN ZHIDONG ET AL: "Amplification of closed circular DNA in vitro" Database accession no. PREV199800180059 XP002261246 abstract & NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, vol. 26, no. 4, 15 February 1998 (1998-02-15), pages 1126-1127, ISSN: 0305-1048 -----	1-36

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely: \_\_\_\_\_
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 37-44  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 37-44

Present claims 37-44 relate to an extremely large number of possible polynucleotides, expression systems, host cells and processes. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is not to be found, however, for any of the polynucleotides, expression systems, host cells and processes claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Additionally, previously known polynucleotides, expression systems, host cells and processes may be included in the scope of the present claims.

Consequently, no search has been carried out for present claims 37-44. A search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts related to the method described in present claims 1-36.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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